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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Date 7-3-51

To Mr. J. R. Persak

Re

On Tuesday, February 13, 1951 Mr. Finch turned over to me, about one o'clock, two representatives, Messrs. R. L. Higgins and C. Froelich, from the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry, Jersey City, N.J.. They stated they wanted to inspect conditions in the Mill Room, as a result of a grievance entered by the Union to have coveralls supplied to all men in the Mill Room. I took them to Dept. 1 and showed them the operations from chute filling, drug weighing to mill and Banbury mixing. They saw the exhaust ventilation at these operations. Also, they were told that Drug Truckers, Chute Fillers and Drug Weighers are presently furnished with coveralls. They further stated that in an inspection of this nature no report would be submitted to us by the Labor Department unless we were to be ordered to furnish coveralls to all hands. They stated, off the record, that they saw no conditions to warrant such an order. The only recommendation they made was to have the 2nd floor openings at two floor level chutes covered with grating, to prevent an operator from falling into the chute. The department has done this.

They were surprised when they learned the comparative few number of men which this grievance involves. They were at the plant from 12:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M. They were also surprised to see the Mill Room practically deserted and no work being performed from about 2:00 P.M. on, when they were told the majority of the men in the department were paid till 3:30 P.M.

cc: Mr. N. Finch T. H. Boyd

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